

Appl. No. 09/436,465

Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2005

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for repeatedly storing data in a plurality of different states when said data is created or changed, wherein each of said different stored state of said data comprises user input and time information corresponding to a day and/or time at which said data is stored;

an application program for use with said data and capable of transmitting said time information to another application program and capable of receiving time information corresponding to a day and/or time from said another application program;

day and time setting means for setting a day and/or time in said application program based on said time information received from said another application program; and

control means for locating data from said stored plurality of different sets of said data at about said set day and/or time and for reproducing said data corresponding to said set day and/or time;

wherein said storage means stores the application program, and said control means reproduces the state of the application program corresponding to the set day and/or time;

wherein said application program and said another application program each independently include said time information, and wherein said application program and said another application program are each independently capable of transmitting and receiving said time information.

Claims 2-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said day and time setting means sets the day and/or time closest to said received time information.

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Claim 12 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said application program contains a file management program for managing files.

Claim 13 (currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said application program contains a position and time information management program for managing user input position information and the time information corresponding to the position information.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

repeatedly storing data in a plurality of different states when said data is created or changed, wherein each of said different stored state of said data comprises user input and time information corresponding to a day and time at which said data is stored;

transmitting said time information from an application program capable of using said data to another application program;

receiving, in said application program, time information corresponding to a day and time from said another application program;

setting a day and time in said application program based on said time information received from said another application program;

locating data from said stored plurality of different sets of said data at about said set day and time;

reproducing said data corresponding to said set day and time and reproducing a state of the application program corresponding to the set day and time;

wherein said application program and said another application program each independently include said time information, and wherein said application program and said another application program are each independently capable of transmitting and receiving said time information.

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Claims 15-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented): An information processing method according to claim 14, wherein said setting step sets the day and time closest to said received time information.

Claim 24 (previously presented): An information processing method according to claim 14, wherein said application program contains a file management program for managing files.

Claim 25 (currently amended): An information processing method according to claim 14, wherein said application program contains a position and time information management program for managing user input position information and the time information corresponding to the position information.

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Claim 26 (currently amended): A computer-readable distribution medium for providing a program, said program comprising:

a storing step for repeatedly storing data in a plurality of different states, wherein each of said different states of said data is based on user input and time information corresponding to a day and time at which said data is stored;

transmitting said time information from an application program capable of using said data to another application program;

receiving, in said application program, time information corresponding to a day and time from said another application program;

a day and time setting step for setting a day and time in said application program based on said time information received from said another application program;

locating data from said stored plurality of different sets of said data at about said set day and time; and

a control step for reproducing said data corresponding to said set day and time and reproducing a state of the application programs corresponding to said set day and time,

wherein said application program and said another application program each independently include said time information, and wherein said application program and said another application program are each independently capable of transmitting and receiving said time information.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A distribution medium according to claim 26, wherein said storing step repeatedly stores a file in a plurality of different states when said file is created or changed, wherein each of said different stored state of said data comprises time information corresponding to a day and time at which said file is stored, said day and time setting step sets the day and time according to a past or future screen, said locating step locates a file stored at said set day and time, and said control step reproduces said given state of said file corresponding to said set day and time along with said corresponding past or future screen.

Claim 28 (canceled).

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Claim 29 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said application program is capable of multicasting said time information to said another application program belonging to a particular group.

Claim 30 (currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said particular group program is an application started by a same user.

Claim 31 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said application program operates on a different computer than said another application program.

Claim 32 (previously presented): An information processing method according to claim 14, wherein said application program is capable of multicasting said time information to said another application program belonging to a particular group.

Claim 33 (currently amended): An information processing method according to claim 14, wherein said particular group program is an application started by a same user.

Claim 34 (previously presented): An information processing method according to claim 14, wherein said application program operates on a different computer than said another application program.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A distribution medium according to claim 26, wherein said application program is capable of multicasting said time information to said another application program belonging to a particular group.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A distribution medium according to claim 26, wherein said particular group program is an application started by a same user.

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Claim 37 (previously presented): A distribution medium according to claim 26, wherein said application program operates on a different computer than said another application program.